



Countywide Professional Development Day October 12, 2009

Catalog

Workshop Title: Natural History for Educators—Forests of Western PA

Presenter Trisha O'Neill; Scott Detwiler
Audubon Society of Western PA

Description: The biological diversity of western Pennsylvania's forests can be used as a thematic learning tool for integrating environment and ecology concepts into the curriculum. This workshop will provide background information on the flora and fauna of western PA forests; the significance of these organisms to the health of the habitat; how and why these organisms survive here; and the role that floral and faunal interactions play in the habitat. Participants will learn how to identify forest plants and animals in the field, employing the resources and strategies that naturalists use. Most instruction will take place along the trails of Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Participants will receive a naturalist starter pack filled with identification guides and other resources. Participants should dress comfortably for the outdoors and bring a bag lunch.

Openings: 25

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Fee: \$50

How to register: Contact Trisha O'Neill at 412-963-6100 x24 or toneill@aswp.org

Workshop Title: Team Building Challenge Course (Ropes Course)

Presenter Mike Daniher
Boy Scouts of America

Description: A challenge course provides an opportunity for each participant to achieve success as an individual and as a member of a team. The activities are not designed to be competitive or to be races against time. The objectives include building teams; solving problems; making decisions; and developing trust, communication, leadership, and self-esteem as team members cooperate to achieve goals upon which they have agreed. The course is designed to foster personal growth in a shorter length of time than anything most people have experienced.

Initiative / Low Events

Success in school, success in business, success in life often depends on fostering cooperation between members of a group who may not know each other well and often come from widely varying backgrounds. How do you create a team of individuals working toward a common goal?

One way to create a team and foster cooperation is to work through the Initiative Games. Success on the course does not depend on strength or speed. Instead, individuals succeed by being willing to try something new and working with others to solve problems and achieve a goal. Group members learn to interact in a supportive manner. Elements are designed to create a sense of accomplishment through cooperation. Facilitators recognize both positive and negative aspects of group dynamics, leading the group members to new discovery of how they work, communicate, and live with others.

Debriefing

After each activity or element as a group we will debrief to talk about our strength, weaknesses and how we can improve as a team.

High Elements

Something happens when a person is no longer earthbound. The excitement of tackling a series of events suspended 20-40 feet in the air can be life changing! What better way to challenge you, pushes the limits, and takes a controlled risk than on a supervised high ropes course?

The individual participant sets a personal goal and works to achieve that goal. Other group members offer verbal support and praise. The participant succeeds by trying, not necessarily completing the activities. Personal and group reactions to the events are shared during an evaluation session led by the course facilitator.

The High Ropes Course is designed to emphasize personal growth and development. As a result, the individual becomes a stronger person and a confident team member.

Openings: 150

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: 300 - 23rd. Street
Sharpsburg, PA 15215
www.campguyasuta.org

Fee: \$26

How to register: Call or email
412-782-2669 or campguy@consolidated.net

Workshop Title: How Green is Your Classroom? New ideas to help you create an eco-friendly learning environment.

Presenter Various
Carnegie Science Center, Fisher Science Education, US Communities

Description: This workshop is designed to provide middle and high school teachers with useful information and tips they can use to create a more eco-friendly classroom.

Hands-on workshops will be provided on topics including:

- * A scientifically engineered classroom gardening system that includes standards-based curriculum for all grade levels.
- * Green chemistry activity kits that help demonstrate how chemistry is being used in industry as an effective approach to pollution prevention.
- * Discover how our actions have an environmental impact on coral reefs with the 'Seascape Aquarium' as your classroom.

In addition, there will be informational seminars from leading classroom supply and furniture manufacturers that will provide options for creating a greener classroom.

Also included: Exploration time and an Omnimax

Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided.

Openings: 100

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Carnegie Science Center
One Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Fee: \$10

How to register: Julie Murphy
murphyj@carnegiesciencecenter.org
412.237.3366

<i>Workshop Title:</i>	How to Design a Global Issues Course
<i>Presenter</i>	David Manel, Felix Yerace, and Jessica Friedrichs CCAC, Global Solutions Pittsburgh, Carlow University
<i>Description:</i>	Undoubtedly global issues education is a prerequisite to success in this global economy. However, many schools in the region do not offer their students Global Issues or Global Civics classes. This workshop will help teachers design a new global issues class or add global issues components to existing classes. Class content will be covered but the primary focus will be on mechanics of designing and adding a class to your school's curriculum. Global Solutions Board Member and teacher at South Fayette, Felix Yerace, Professor Dave Manel of the Community College of Allegheny College and Jessica Friedrichs of Carlow University will be presenting.
<i>Openings:</i>	50
<i>Time:</i>	Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm
<i>Location:</i>	University of Pittsburgh 4130 Posvar Hall 230 South Bouquet Street Pittsburgh, PA 15260
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>How to register:</i>	Please contact Daniel Giovannelli at dan@globalsolutionspgh.org or 412-471-7852

<i>Workshop Title:</i>	Voices Across Time: "Which Side Are You On?"
<i>Presenter</i>	Mariana Whitmer Center for American Music
<i>Description:</i>	This workshop will introduce educators to the concept of utilizing songs to teach social issues. In this instance, we will focus on one song, exploring its origins and many adaptations throughout the years. We will model how to engage students in critical thinking through analysis and discussion of how those modifications reflect the changing times. Participants will be able to replicate these techniques for other social issues, utilizing different songs, in the classroom. The conclusion will suggest ways to present students with a musical context to better understand both contemporary issues as well as those faced by our predecessors.
<i>Openings:</i>	40
<i>Time:</i>	Half Day - 12:30-3:30pm
<i>Location:</i>	Department of Music University of Pittsburgh 110 Music Building Fifth and Bellefield Pittsburgh, PA
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>How to register:</i>	To register contact Kathryn Haines at the Center for American Music via email (kmill@pitt.edu) or phone (412-624-4100).

<i>Workshop Title:</i>	Voices Across Time: Stephen Foster's Views on the Civil War
<i>Presenter</i>	Mariana Whitmer Center for American Music
<i>Description:</i>	This workshop will examine the Civil War through the lens of music, specifically the songs of Stephen Foster, native Pittsburgher and America's first popular song composer. Although Foster died prior to the end of the war, he composed several songs related to the origins of the war ("That's What's the Matter"), soldiers' experiences during the war ("For the Dear Old Flag I Die"), and the situation on the home front ("Was My Brother in the Battle?"). During this half-day seminar, we will demonstrate strategies that can be replicated in the classroom to engage students and encourage historical imagination. While listening, discussing, and analyzing Foster's songs dealing with the Civil War, teachers will acquire methods for developing successful classroom lessons to complement their existing curriculum.
<i>Openings:</i>	40
<i>Time:</i>	Half Day - 8:30-11:30am
<i>Location:</i>	University of Pittsburgh Department of Music 110 Music Building Fifth and Bellefield Pittsburgh, PA 15260
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>How to register:</i>	To register please contact Kathryn Haines at the Center for American Music, via email (kmill@pitt.edu) or phone (412-624-4100).

Workshop Title: SuicideTALK: An exploration in suicide awareness

Presenter Mary Witzig
CONTACT Pittsburgh

Description: SuicideTALK is a 3-hour workshop focused on exploring suicide awareness. Organized around the question, "Should we talk about suicide?" it provides a structure in which session members can safely explore some of the most challenging attitudinal issues about suicide, and encourages every member to find a part that they can play in preventing suicide. SuicideTALK is aimed at most all members of and groups in a community. Its goal is to help make direct, open and honest talk about suicide easier. Such talk encourages life-protection, preservation and promotion activities, facilitates community awareness of suicide as a serious community health problem, reduces the stigma and taboo surrounding suicide, increases personal commitment to and action in preventing suicide, and supports the spread of training opportunities and networking activities.

The style of the SuicideTALK workshop is experiential with much audience participation. No prior experience with suicide awareness or intervention is necessary.

Openings: 50

Time: Half Day - 12:30-3:30pm

Location: To Be Determined

Fee: \$15.00

How to register: James Earl Doyle, MPA Director, Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment
CONTACT Pittsburgh P.O. Box 111294 Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-820-0100
412-820-0110 (fax)
jdoyle@contactpgh.org
www.contactpgh.org

Workshop Title: Visual Literacy for Today's Student

Presenter Frick education and curatorial staff
Frick Art & Historical Center

Description: Students may be richly overwhelmed with an abundance of texts, graphics, images and multimedia materials on the Web, and must have the ability to discriminate between high quality, reliable information and misleading, inaccurate information. Visual literacy is the ability to interpret, make meaning and use visual imagery to communicate the information presented in the form of an image. This integrated workshop will demonstrate strategies for teachers to create a variety of curricula that will encourage students to use their ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the information they need by observation, analyzing images, note-taking and research to use in writing activities or projects.

Openings: 25

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Frick Art & Historical Center
7227 Reynolds St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Fee: \$12

How to register: Education Assistant
Frick Art & Historical Center
412-205-2022 or 412-371-0600 ext 560
education@TheFrickPittsburgh.org

Workshop Title: Bullying and Cyberbullying of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender) Students and the Dangers thereof.

Presenter Lee Marcuzzi
GLSEN Pittsburgh

Description: A look at the definitions of LGBT students, what constitutes bullying, how bullying leads to lower gpa's, increased absence and often results in possible suicide. We will examine ways that teachers can be all inclusive in their lesson plans and how to handle students and parents when it comes to this sensitive subject.

Openings: 40

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am

Location: GLCC (Gay and Lesbian Community Center)
210 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Fee: None

How to register: Email Serenelee@aol.com to register.

Workshop Title: Fourth Annual PCHE Conference "Leadership in Times of Crisis"

Presenter Various
Heinz History Center

Description: In times of crisis, people look to their leaders to help guide them through the troubled times. Yet not every leader exhibits characteristics of leadership. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the Pennsylvania Council on History Education and the Heinz History Center present a look at "Leadership in Times of Crisis." In addition to the guest speakers, there will be breakout sessions on pedagogy, as well as an opportunity to tour "Lincoln and the Constitution" exhibit at the Heinz History Center.

Speakers include Sergei Khrushchev, the son of former Soviet Union leader Nikita Khrushchev. Also presenting are Dr. Warren F. Kimball, Dr. Louise Mayo and Minisha Sinha. Additional information and activities will be listed on our website.

This conference is open to the public. We encourage anyone with an interest in history to attend.

Conference fee: \$50 for educators/general public and \$40 for students and retirees. The fee includes six Act 48 credit hours, breakfast, lunch and door prizes.

The generosity of the Heinz and Hunt Foundations allows us to offer this day of development for teachers. Mark your calendars and make your reservations TODAY!

Openings: 100

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Heinz History Center
1212 Smallman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Fee: \$50 for educators/general public and \$40 for students and retirees

How to register: To register, log on to: www.pacouncilforhistoryeducation.org

Registration closes September 11, 2009

Workshop Title: Thinking Outside The Box- Japanese Obento Workshop

Presenter Qianqian Miao, Wendy Bennett, Dr. Keith Brown
Japan America Society of Pennsylvania

Description: This full-day workshop is designed to introduce Japanese culture to K-12 educators through the life of a lunch box, "Obento". Present in the everyday life of Japanese people of all ages, Obento is a boxed lunch that can be home made, ordered out or eaten in a restaurant and is always an attractive and satisfying meal. Each Obento is uniquely created, connecting its maker and those s/he made it for and ties together the rich food culture of Japan with the Japanese art of longevity--living a healthy lifestyle with a good nutritional balance. In a broader sense, the study of Obento varieties and styles also serves to tell the story of the stages in life of a typical Japanese person. Thoroughly researched and carefully designed, this workshop will provide effective tools for educators eager to introduce to their students the brilliant world of Japanese culture through an interesting and interactive platform. The workshop covers related subjects including lecture topics about the history of rice cultivation, Obento as depicted in arts, an examination of regional variations in Obento and a hands-on session that features how to prepare Japanese style rice and assemble an attractive Obento package. Proper chopstick usage and etiquette will also be demonstrated via the Obento that will be served at lunchtime.

Openings: 25

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Allegheny Intermediate Unit
475 East Waterfront Drive
Homestead, PA 15120

Fee: \$45

How to register: Qianqian Miao
workshop@us-japan.org
412 567.5023
www.us-japan.org/jasp

Please specify date of workshop in subject line of email

Workshop Title: A is for Attention: multidisciplinary strategies for capturing and maintaining student attention

Presenter LAUGHLIN CENTER STAFF: Donna Bednarek, PhD--Director of Psychology
Laughlin Center
Karen Borland, MEd--Director of Early Childhood Department; Sally
Reichard, MEd--Director of Academic Department

Description: All children have different attention capacities, leaving many elementary educators to wonder about what techniques and approaches to use to engage students in the classroom. Using the following statement from the All Kinds of Minds Institute as a framework, Laughlin Center's department directors share insights from their areas of specialization—psychology, speech-language pathology, early childhood education, and reading education—in this workshop comprising a video presentation, learning activities, panel discussions, and a Q & A session:

“...problems with attention can greatly impede academic and nonacademic performance. Relationships at home and at school can suffer, and children may develop behavioral problems as a result of their struggles to cope with attention difficulties. Attention is more than merely ‘paying attention.’ Attention is a system of controls that can help children with such things as working consistently each day, focusing on the right details when reading, and thinking ahead about what to say and do.”

--All Kinds of Minds. Developing Minds: Attention. WGBH: Boston. p. 2.

The workshop begins at 8:30 am with a continental breakfast, and ends at 11:30 am. Two and one-half hours of Act 48 credit can be earned by those who complete the workshop. Free parking will be available, along with a listing of Sewickley restaurants for those interested in lunch.

Founded over 50 years ago and serving families throughout Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Laughlin Center has a long tradition of offering multi-disciplinary educational support services to children from preschool through middle school, including academic and psycho-educational assessments, individualized academic instruction, counseling, speech-language therapy, and The Village Preschool. Our four departments specialize in unique services and work together comprehensively to provide support to children, parents, and educators.

Openings: 30

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am

Location: 424 Frederick Avenue, Sewickley

Fee: None

How to register: For directions, more details about the workshop, or to register, please call or email Douglas Florey at 412.741.4087 or d.florey@laughlincenter.org. Please note that the registration deadline for this workshop is Monday, 28 September 2009.

Workshop Title: Dynamic Fitness For Your Classroom

Presenter Jason DeRose
Montour School District

Description: Dynamic fitness provides educators with a basic fitness framework that addresses balance, flexibility, core strength, gait therapy, general conditioning, weight loss, and quality of life. This course focuses on the key component of health and fitness as an integrated approach through balance and stabilization training. Dynamic fitness includes sports specific training exercises, as well as gait and posture assessments and remediations to address individual student needs. This course also introduces educators to cutting edge training techniques to be included in the physical education classroom such as vibration and un-weighted training. This is a hands-on course which requires comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.

Openings: 20

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: FASTER Powered By Pittsburgh Chiropractic & Sports Therapy, LLC
4898 Campbells Run Road - Suite 3
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Fee: None

How to register: Please register by phone or email to Sommer DeRose:

Phone: 412-489-6036
Email: pittsburghchiro@comcast.net

Workshop Title: 2009 Countywide Professional Development Workshop at the National Aviary

Presenter Caitlin Stone
National Aviary

Description: Spend the day at the National Aviary to learn how easy it is to incorporate birds into your curriculum and enjoy some of our interactive events! This event is free and space is limited.

Openings: 40

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: National Aviary
Allegheny Commons West
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Fee: None

How to register: Debbie West
412-323-7235 ext 209
debbie.west@aviary.org

Workshop Title:	OCD in the Classroom
Presenter	OCD therapists or 1 therapist/1 M.D.- not yet determined OCFWPA
Description:	OCD is a recognized psychiatric disorder estimated to affect between 1 in every 100 to 200 school aged children. OCD poses challenges in all aspects of the child's life including classroom time, social interactions and home life. Children or adolescents who have OCD may be struggling in the classroom, but perhaps go unnoticed because they are not necessarily posing a disruptive behavioral challenge to educators. On the other end of the spectrum, the child's OCD symptoms may cause disruptions in the classroom, consuming a disproportionate amount of a teacher's focus. Our presentation will explain the sometimes subtle signs and symptoms of OCD as well as exemplify some of the potential classroom challenges. Using that background information as a foundation, we will present effective strategies that can be used by teachers, principals and guidance counselors. Sample situations will be presented along with suggested approaches to accommodate the needs of these students on both individual and classroom levels. These accommodations will allow students with OCD to demonstrate their educational strengths and contribute to the classroom in a positive way. Implementing the tools presented in this workshop will be beneficial for not only students with OCD, but for the entire student population as well. We prefer a classroom setting and will need 1 1/2 – 2 hours to present our workshop.
Openings:	100
Time:	Half Day - 8:30-11:30am
Location:	To Be Determined
Fee:	None
How to register:	Contact Debbie Iannuzzi at iazzzi@aol.com or 412-519-3826.

Workshop Title: Real Science - The Penn State Electro-Optics Center

Presenter Jim Einsporn
Penn State Electro-Optics Center

Description: This program includes many science lab and demo ideas, information about student field trips, classroom visits, and summer camps, and a tour our military research labs, at least the ones that our engineers will permit us to enter! It will run all day at the EOC and is best suited for science teachers at all grade levels. It would be good for counselors and administrators, too.

Openings: 24

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: The Penn State Electro-Optics Center
222 Northpointe Blvd
Freeport, PA 16229

We are located off Rt 28 Exit 18 (Slate Lick).

Fee: None

How to register: Jim Einsporn
724-295-7000 ext 7227
jeinsporn@eoc.psu.edu

Workshop Title:	Introduction to Computational Tools for Secondary Science and Math
Presenter	PSC CAST Team Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center
Description:	<p>The Computation and Science for Teachers (CAST) program at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (PSC) is designed to provide secondary teachers of math and science with interactive, computer-based tools and techniques that will engage their students in problem-solving and the predict-test-analyze-explain cycle. As noted in the Pennsylvania State Department of Education Academic Standards and many national standards, students need to be able to use mathematical models and computer modeling techniques to achieve an understanding of complex scientific concepts. Through hands-on demonstrations with computer-based simulations, this half-day workshop will provide participants with examples of no-cost, pre-built simulations through which students may collect and analyze data in order to investigate “what if” scenarios and understand scientific concepts. This workshop will also offer a preview of modeling tools that will be covered more fully in subsequent CAST workshops. See how computational tools can enhance scientific thinking and empower students to concept discovery.</p>
Openings:	30
Time:	Half Day - 12:30-3:30pm
Location:	Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center 300 S. Craig St - Room 103 Pittsburgh PA 15213 (Oakland)
Fee:	None
How to register:	www.psc.edu/eot/k12/boss/cast_intro.php

Workshop Title: SafeNet: Increasing Cyber Safety Awareness in your School

Presenter Wiam Younes
Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center/Carnegie Mellon University

Description: With the ever-expanding use of the internet, education is critically needed to address safe computer habits, particularly among students who use and adopt new technologies more quickly than their parents or teachers. Cyber security involves more than putting small barriers in place, such as using anti-virus software and knowing to delete spam. It requires a wall of defenses. Cyber security education must be thorough to help students keep themselves safe from the wide range of threats and dangers online. Education must address three subject areas: cyber ethics, cyber safety, and cyber security. If one of these areas is missing, students will lack the knowledge to fully protect themselves.

This workshop will provide an overview of critical issues in each of these areas. It is intended for school administrators, counselors, health providers and technology coordinators. It will also cover the materials for teachers and parents that are available through the PSC SafeNet website. Topics covered include:

- Cyber Ethics: Students learn to make decisions in a way that shows respect for others and others' safety while online. The topics in this area include an understanding of the acts and consequences of cyber crime and unethical behavior, such as hacking and cyber bullying.
- Cyber Safety: Students become aware of the predators, spammers, and cyber bullies who may be online. They learn to recognize traps and dangers and then respond to them effectively or report them to authorities.
- Cyber Security: Students learn about attacks on their computers that may cause damage or steal information, such as identity or financial data. They learn about malware, spam and identity theft, and how to protect themselves and their computer.

Openings: 30

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am

Location: Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center
300 S. Craig St - Room 103
Pittsburgh PA 15213 (Oakland)

Fee: None

How to register: <http://www.psc.edu/eot/k12/boss/safenet.php>

Workshop Title: Making the Most Out of What You Already Have: Using the Environment and Recycled Objects in Hands-On Science

Presenter Jessica Stombaugh
Regional Environmental Education Center

Description: Science materials are not cheap and you don't always have time to take a fieldtrip but this doesn't mean you can't do hands-on activities or go outside! The Regional Environmental Education Center staff will take you through easy to do and make outdoor, hands-on activities that can easily fit into even the tightest lesson plan. We'll be outdoors and active for the entire day in the beautiful Boyce Mayview Park as we utilize our outdoor classroom and the scenic, peaceful trails that meander through the forest, meadows and flood plain. Activities and materials are provided. A light breakfast and lunch is included in the program fee. Activities can be adapted for grades K-12.

Openings: 30

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Regional Environmental Education Center
Boyce Mayview Park
1571 Mayview Road
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

Fee: \$30 (includes light breakfast & lunch)

How to register: Contact:
Jessica Stombaugh, Program Manager
JessicaS@regionaleec.org
412-838-0064

Or download the registration form on our website: www.regionaleec.org

Workshop Title: Photography in the Classroom: Writing Visually

Presenter Sylvia Ehler
Silver Eye Center for Photography

Description: Photographs and photography provide many opportunities for developing expository, narrative and persuasive writing skills, as well as preparing for the PSSA writing, the SAT and Advanced Placement U.S. History exams. This session will examine the concept of using photographs to help elementary through high school students practice their writing and observation skills. Photographs are examined to establish historical and social context and exercises in responding to pictures will be introduced to give participants an opportunity to see first hand how students writing may be expanded and improved by using photography as a writing prompt. Examining images in detail is also a useful tool to increase visual literacy. In today's world, this is defined as the skills needed to view visual materials skeptically, critically and knowledgeably.

At the time of the workshop session, the gallery will be exhibiting photographs by two National Geographic photographers titled; The World at Our Door. The exhibition features pictures from four continents. These photographs will present an excellent opportunity to explore in more depth, both visual literacy and cultural comparisons.

Openings: 25

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am

Location: Silver Eye Center for Photography
1015 E. Carson
Pittsburgh PA 15203

Located on Pittsburgh's Historic South Side

Fee: \$20.00

How to register: Register by calling or e-mailing Sylvia Ehler, Education Coordinator at:

Silver Eye Center for Photography
412 431 1810 ext.11
sehler@silvereye.org
www.silvereye.org

Workshop Title: Designing Student Career Journals

Presenter Kristina Cenkner
Smart Futures

Description: My Career Journey is an online career exploration program for students in grades 8 and 9. The program helps students match their skills and preferences with career options. By completing activities in a virtual school, students develop a career journal that records interests, career clusters and career pathways. This half day session will include discussion around best practices, implementation and sustainability.

Openings: 30

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am

Location: To Be Determined

Fee: None

How to register:

Workshop Title: PA eMentoring: Connecting Allegheny County Students with Virtual Career Mentors

Presenter Kristina Cenkner
Smart Futures

Description: PA eMentoring is an innovative program that connects students in grades 9-12 with working professionals via email. In 10-12 weeks, students complete 10 career activities, resulting in a College and Career Profile, Activity Journal and Conversation History they can incorporate into their career portfolio. This half-day session will include discussion around best practices, implementation plans, and sustainability.

Openings: 30

Time: Half Day - 12:30-3:30pm

Location: To Be Determined

Fee: None

How to register:

Workshop Title: Connecting Skills and Assessments to Rewarding Careers

Presenter Jennifer Lundy
Smart Futures

Description: Looking for a way to improve students' skills (grades 9-12) and prepare them for post-secondary success? Smart Futures offers the resources you need to help students choose a successful and rewarding career path. Keys2Work provides reliable, relevant information about the skills needed for success in the workplace. Join us to learn more about the components of the Keys2Work program, best practices and outcomes.

Openings: 30

Time: Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Location: To Be Determined

Fee: None

How to register:

Workshop Title: Amazing Kids ~ Building Inclusive Classrooms

Presenter Judy Parker and Bruce Adamson
The Children's Institute

Description: This presentation is designed for teachers, administrators, guidance counselors and other staff working with students K—12.

Each program provides participants with:

- Accurate information about various disabilities
- Hands on learning experiences that can be shared with students
- Modifications to consider for students with disabilities
- Supplemental activities that foster inclusion
- Information on preferred terminology, proper etiquette, confidentiality concerns, and more

- An opportunity for teachers to share personal experiences and insights

The above information is presented through lecture, simulation exercises, real life stories, and video interviews with students who have disabilities.

Openings: 40

Time: Half Day - 8:30-11:30am or 12:30pm-3:30pm

Location: Location: The Children's Institute, 1405 Shady Avenue (Squirrel Hill), Pittsburgh PA 15217

Parking and Check In: Street parking only is available; the lots may not be used by participants. Please check in at reception desk on Shady Avenue and ask to be directed to the Professional Development Program located in the Northumberland Conference Room.

Fee: \$25

How to register: Contact:
Judy Parker
724.858.1090
trixie50@zoominternet.net
Each session is limited to 40 participants.
Once registered, you will be given instructions for payment.

Workshop Title:	The Pittsburgh G20 Summit: A Look at the Global Economy
Presenter	Univ. Center for Intl. Studies University of Pittsburgh
Description:	<p>The G20 Summit traces its history from a 1973 meeting in the White House between heads of finance from the U.S., France, Germany, Japan and the U.K. The original non-publicized meeting was called in reaction to the devaluation of the dollar. While this group continued periodic secret meetings in the White House library, they also began to promote summits between various world economic leaders in a more public fashion, and the original G5 grew to the G7, the G8, and beyond. Today's G20 countries include a majority of the world's leading governments; they comprise 85% of the global economy. Pittsburgh was chosen to host the September 24-25, 2009 G20 Summit by President Barack Obama. He has cited the location as an example of a regional economy that rebounded after serious problems in the 1970s and 1980s. In Pittsburgh, Obama and other leaders plan to "take stock of the progress made since the Washington [2008] and London [Spring 2009] summits, and discuss further actions to assure a sound and sustainable recovery from the global economic and financial crisis."</p> <p>This workshop will take place approximately three weeks after the close of the Pittsburgh Summit. We plan to discuss the history of the G20 Summits, the key issues at stake in today's global economy (climate change, food security, reformation of the international monetary fund, etc.), and what occurred at the meeting in Pittsburgh. The issues will be addressed by experts in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Europe and the EU ▪ Russia ▪ Latin America ▪ China ▪ India <p>Following the speakers, a curriculum development professional will coordinate breakout sessions and guide teachers in preparing lesson plans based on the day's content. Teachers will be given additional time to complete and submit the finalized plans. The lessons will eventually be published and available on the University Center for International Studies' website. The workshop has been designed for middle and high school social studies teachers in an effort to broaden educators' knowledge about world history, current affairs, economic issues, and to help develop lesson plans for classroom use.</p>
Openings:	80
Time:	Full Day - 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location:	1500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, located between S. Bouquet St. and Schenley Drive at the University of Pittsburgh's Oakland campus. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Fee:	None
How to register:	Please send your name, school, grade/subject, email address and phone number to Rosalind Santavicca at alinda@pitt.edu . You will receive a confirmation email, usually within 24 hours.

Workshop Title: Electricity Generation in the U.S. and Nuclear Energy Fundamentals

Presenter Andrew Drake
Westinghouse Electric Company

Description: This session will cover the basics on the major non-nuclear sources of electricity in the U.S., how each produces electricity and discussion on the major positive and negative issues associated with each. The session will then cover the basic fundamentals for the production of electricity in nuclear power plants including a discussion on the major positive and negative issues. Discussion will include plant safety and waste disposal.

Openings: 20

Time: Half Day - 12:30-3:30pm

Location: To Be Determined

Fee: None

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